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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Representative Lucien Nedzi
Re Enhanced Role of the DCI

1. Met with Representative Nedzi and explained to him the highlights of the President's proposed announcement regarding the enhanced role of the DCI. Mr. Nedzi said that he could understand the purposes behind the President's plan but he was seriously concerned over whether this was not putting too much of a burden on a single individual. He said he had the highest regard for Mr. Helms personally, and referred to his "unmatched intelligence and integrity." However, he said since assuming the chairmanship of the subcommittee he had been awed by the complexity of the intelligence community and he seriously doubted whether one man could cope with all of its problems. I said we were all keenly aware of this--particularly Mr. Helms himself. However, I thought the need for some kind of streamlining of the present machinery was overdue and all of us who were close to the problems for a number of years welcomed the new proposals, realizing that a good deal of adjustment would be necessary before everything worked smoothly.

2. Mr. Nedzi then focused on individual problems, including the precise procedures by which the Director would arrive at a "community budget:" The difference between the new Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee and the present NIRB; the significance of changes in the USIB structure; the relationship of the National Security Council Intelligence Committee and the present 40 Committee; and the make-up of the Net Assessment Group.

3. I told the Chairman I could not answer these questions and doubted if any clear answer could be forthcoming for some time. He said he appreciated this, but noted he would undoubtedly be receiving a number of questions from the press and the congressional membership as soon as any announcement was made, and he urged that I provide him immediately any clarifying information as soon as it is available.

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